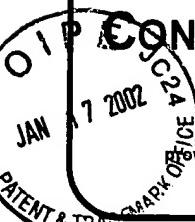


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3/15/02**REQUEST****FOR****CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



Application Number	09/369,576
Filing Date	AUGUST 6, 1999
First Named Inventor	MARCELO TORCEZA
Group Art Unit	1733
Examiner Name	JEFF AFTERGUT
Attorney Docket Number	DRAGO P-BGRE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
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- b. Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Art Unit: 1733

Title: A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF REINFORCED SLABS OF STONE MATERIAL

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 116

Hon. Sir:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

- C1 1. (Amended) A process for producing reinforced slabs of products made of stone material, having a reinforcement which includes a hardened resin combined with a rear face of the slab, comprising

providing a slab of stone material having a rear substantially smooth face free